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This place, known as Pycott Hall, was formerly the seat of a family of that name, who rose into favor in the time of Henry the Eighth, John Pycott having been a tanner of Middlesex, who did good service for the King in some way by aiding him to get rid of one of his wives. In Mary's reign the Pycotts had to flee into Lincolnshire, and find safety there among the fens and morasses; but soon after Elizabeth's accession to the throne the family came again into notice and Richard Pycott, the son of John, was enriched with a fine estate in Leicestershire. Then it was that Pycott Hall was erected, and it long had the reputation of being one of the most elegantly adorned mansions of the midland counties.

The daughters of the house wedded with some of the wealthiest and best known families in England, but the Pycotts lost caste by uniting their fortunes with Cromwell during the great revolutionary struggle. On the restoration of Charles the Second the family was allowed to retain its lands, but it had become considerably impoverished, and never recovered the high position it occupied during the first century of its existence.

The head of the family ranked among the country gentry, and the younger members married in their own station and became naval and military officers, and gentlemen farmers.

When George the Third ascended the throne in 1760, John Pycott was the possessor of the estates. He had been in the navy but retired before he passed the grade of Lieutenant, and settled down as plain country Squire. He married a Miss Brauntone by whom he had a numerous family, all of whom died in infancy except one son and daughter—the son being named George and the daughter Ann. Ann was courted by one Sileby, whose father had amassed a considerable fortune as a vintner, and purchased an estate a few miles from Hinckley, known as the Red Gates. Young Sileby, his only child came into possession at the age of twenty-one, and soon afterward made the acquaintance of the Pycotts. A friendship sprung up between George Pycott and Sileby, and through that Sileby was attracted to the Hall and became enamored of Ann, who was very lovely. In the Spring of 1761 the two young men went to London together. George returned within a month, but Sileby remained, under pretense that some business matters required his attention. George, how ever communicated to his father the secret of his own quick return and of his companion's remaining behind.

Sileby had been brought up chiefly in the metropolis, and had many acquaintances there. These, George soon discovered, were not of a very reputable kind, consisting of fast young men, gamblers and free lancers, who would not hesitate to take a man's pocket-book if they had a chance. Moreover, Sileby had female acquaintances of no doubtful character, and on these he spent his money freely. It was a discovery of these facts which induced George to hasten home, for he was a young man of good principles, and was, moreover in love with a very beautiful girl, whom he expected shortly to wed. When the elder Pycott learned how Sileby was occupied in London, he spoke to his daughter on the subject, and she at once agreed with him that her lover was not the kind of man who was calculated to make a desirable husband. Consequently, on receiving Sileby's first letter from London, she gave him to understand that she knew the course he was pursuing, and that she desired no further communication with him.

Months passed, and Sileby still remained in town. Presently it was reported and correctly turned out that he had executed a mortgage for a large sum on his estate, and had actually sold all the timber upon it. After an absence of nine months he returned to Red Gates, but Pycott saw nothing of him for a long time.

Early in 1762 'Squire Pycott met Sileby on the stairs leading to the Grand Jury room in Leicester. Neither spoke or made any sign of recognition. Sileby stood and blocked the passage, and the 'Squire endeavored to move him to one side with his hand. Sileby drew his sword, whereupon the 'Squire stepped back to the landing. Sileby passed the 'Squire leisurely and with an offensive air, and the 'Squire said:

"You will hear from me again, sir."

A duel was arranged and the 'Squire disarmed his antagonist. Pointing his sword to Sileby's heart, he said:

"Dog, if your life was worth anything, I would not hesitate."

Another long interval passed without Sileby's coming across any of the Pycotts, but they had heard often of his doings, and knew that it would be but a brief space before his career of riot and perhaps crime was ended. One day in the autumn of 1762 'Squire Pycott received a message from a Dr. Grayton, a physician whose character was bad, and who was a pet companion of Sileby, that the latter was dying, and desired to make peace with the 'squire before he passed away. The 'Squire was a generous, warm-hearted man, and his kindly nature responded once to the request. As he was starting for the Red Gates, Ann Pycott said:

"Father it is to be feared that the unfortunate man has no Bible or good book near him in his illness. Carry this prayer-book and leave it with him, and bid him read and act upon it."

'Squire Pycott put the book in the left inside pocket of his riding-coat and departed. On reaching Sileby's house he was met by Dr. Grayton, at whose suggestion he unbuckled his sword and left it in the hall, lest the sight of it should awaken unpleasant recollections.

The 'Squire found Sileby in a darkened room on a curtained bed, with medicine bottles arranged around. On a small table near the bed lay a prayer-book and Bible, as though handy for the sick man. Sileby expressed regret for his conduct, and the 'Squire softened off things, and at a late hour departed for home, taking a bridle path which led down three or four fields to the main road, which, though it ran close to Sileby's house, curved around it almost in the shape of the letter S. As the 'Squire rode along the path he heard the sound of horses' hoofs on the road, but they apparently soon passed out of hearing. As the 'Squire turned from the path to the main road, he found himself suddenly confronted with two mounted men. One of them seized his bridle rein, and the 'Squire instantly drew his sword. To his surprise, however, he found that the blade was broken off within six inches of the handle. Before he could recover from his amazement the other horseman made a thrust at his breast with his sword, which came in contact with the prayer-book that was still in his pocket, as he had found Sileby already supplied with one. His assailant's weapon was broken with the force of the blow, and he fell forward against the 'Squire. The 'Squire's horse started, and the man at the rein released his hold. At the same instant the 'Squire struck spurs, and his horse bounded away and carried his rider home in safety.

Who the 'Squire's assailants were was a mystery but as highwayman infested the country, and it was no uncommon thing for wayfarers to be robbed and sometimes murdered in broad day-light, the occurrence created little surprise.

Less than a week after this the 'Squire received a letter from Sileby stating that he had happily recovered, and that he was about to quit the neighborhood, and to lead a new life.

It has already been said that George Pycott was engaged to be married to a young lady. She was his second cousin, and resided a few miles from the Hall with her mother. Her father had recently died, and it was so arranged that George should wed her as soon as possible, and manage the small estate on which she dwelt. On November 15, 1762, the wedding took place, and in the evening there was a supper at the bride's house, where the couple were to reside thenceforth.

After the guests had departed and 'Squire Pycott and his daughter were about to take leave, three men, with blackened faces, and otherwise disguised, suddenly entered the dwelling by the main entrance, and with drawn swords rushed on the 'Squire and his son, as they stood with the bride and groom in the vestibule. Both drew and gallantly defended themselves, and the women, by their directions, took refuge in an adjoining room.

The 'Squire fell, run through the breast. George was seriously wounded, and the ruffians were about to force an entrance into the room where the women were, when the sound of approaching wheels was heard on the graveled walks outside. The three men hastily decamped, and when the newcomers reached the hallway they found the 'Squire and son weltering in blood. The two gentlemen who had thus unexpectedly come on the scene had been guests at the wedding and had started homeward, but on reaching the river had found the waters out and the ford unsurpassable. They were therefore compelled to return and seek shelter until daylight.

The 'Squire's wound which was through the right lung, had already proved fatal, and he was a corpse. George's injuries were severe, but not necessarily dangerous, and a surgeon was at once sent for.

As soon as the wounded were attended to, two mounted constables started in pursuit of the three assassins. As the river was down it was thought unlikely that they would attempt to cross, and therefore the pursuers took the only other road of escape—that which led to Birmingham. Before they had come far they found that they were on the right track. By daylight they reached Birmingham, and they tracked the three men to the Wheat Sheaf inn, where they had baited their horses and taken refreshment, and whence they had departed only half an hour ahead of their pursuers. Here the latter communicated with the authorities of the town, and three officers properly mounted and equipped took up the chase. After four hours hard riding they found themselves close on the heels of the fugitives, who were evidently taking it leisurely, supposing that their pursuers, if they had any, were either far enough behind, or tired out before that time. When they discovered three mounted men a mile in their rear, they suspected their true character and pushed on briskly. As the pursuers quickened their gait the pursued did the same, but the former gained rapidly on the fugitives, and it was clear that they must either be overtaken or escape by strategy.

As the two parties of horsemen tore down a long hill, the London stage coach came in sight. The driver and passengers soon took in the situation, for it was no uncommon thing in those days, when there were no railroads or telegraphs, for the officers of the law to pursue fugitives from justice for days along the highways of England, the pursuers and pursued often stopping for refreshments within a few miles of each other, and changing horses as often as the jaded beasts gave out.

The driver of the coach on the present occasion was a plucky man, and had had more than one rencontre with gentlemen of the road. Taking in the situation at once, the driver, with the hearty consent of his passengers, drew his coach across the road and blocked the path. Within twenty yards of the obstacle two of the fugitives leaped the ditch and made across the fields to a cross-road beyond the coach. The third, however, who rode a splendid beast, dashed forwards and putting spurs to his steed, the noble animal rose at the touch like a bird, and went clean over the horses as they stood across the road. So astonished were the occupants of the coach at his daring feat that though a dozen of them held pistols in their grasp not a weapon was discharged until the bold rider was out of range.

At the cross-roads he was rejoined by his two companions, and all three disappeared over the brow of a hill.

When the pursuers reached its summit the fugitives were nowhere to be seen. The officers pushed on but on reaching Oxford they were tired out, and they resolved to rest, confident that the men they were after were by that time on their way to London.

On the officers reaching London, the authorities were informed of the circumstances attending the brutal outrage at Hinckley, but in the absence of any clew which would lead to the perpetrators they were unable to do anything.

In the course of a month, however, George Pycott was sufficiently restored to undertake a journey to the metropolis, and thither he went, confident that he possessed a clew to the murderers of his father.

The elder Pycott had one brother, who had been degraded from the army, and who had become in every way so vile and reckless that he had been utterly discarded by the murdered man. He had been heard to make threats against his brother's life. George Pycott's theory was that this renegade uncle was the leader of the assassins of his father.

This man, Richard Pycott, was therefore looked for in London, but could not be found. After three weeks' search, George Pycott was almost hopeless of discovering the murderers of his father and of bringing them to justice. One day he and a Bow street runner, as the detectives in those days were called, took a wherry at Westminster, with a view to have a quiet row on the water, a private conversation in relation to the crime and its supposed perpetrators. As they floated past Rotherlithe a man suddenly thrust his head out of the scuttle of a coal barge that lay alongside the wharf. Quick as was the movement, George saw the face, and recognized it in an instant as Sileby's. Then, for the first time, a suspicion broke in upon young Pycott's mind that the unfortunate man might have been implicated in the dreadful crime. He hastily communicated his thoughts to the officer, and in a moment the wherry was alongside the barge and the two men were aboard. In the mean and filthy cabin, if such it might be called, they found the man whom they sought. He was dressed in the commonest garments, and was unshaven and unkempt. He steadily denied his identity as Sileby, but George was confident, and he was manacled and placed on board the wherry.

A second thought induced the officer to lie under cover of the barge for a minute or more, and the delay was amply rewarded, for a man came along the wharf toward the barge carrying a basket, and him George identified as the person spoken of as Dr. Grayton. As he stepped on board the barge George sprang to her deck and collared the miserable wretch, who cowered like a hound.

Sileby stoutly denied his identity and participation in the murder of Squire Pycott, but Grayton turned king's evidence, and revealed the diabolical plot.

From the day that Squire Pycott disarmed him in a duel, and spurned him as too worthless to slay, Sileby had vowed vegeance. His sickness was a mere sham to decoy the Squire to the house, and at the same time to avert the suspicion from his real assailants. Grayton's anxiety that the Squire should not carry his sword up-stairs lest the sick man should be aroused to unpleasant memories at the sight of it, was part of the plot, for while Squire Pycott was up-stairs, Grayton snapped the sword off near the hilt on purpose to deprive the Squire of a weapon of defence during the premeditated attack. The horses were already saddled in the stable, and as soon as the Squire quitted the house Sileby and Grayton mounted and started by the turnpike to intercept him.

The attack on the night of the wedding was planned by Sileby with Grayton and one of his London companions, and the design was to murder both the Squire and his son and to perpetrate other nameless crimes, while as the same time they plundered the dwelling. When they were put to flight by the return of the guests they made for Birmingham, as already known. Their disappearance after Sileby's astonishing leap over the backs of the stage coach horses was easily accounted for. One of the number at least was intimately acquainted with the road, for he had plied his calling as highwayman on it for years, and they were then enabled to take a private path skirting a wood, and so keep out of sight and earshot until they reached a cross road by which they made for a town off the London turnpike, and waited there until the way was clear.

Sileby and Grayton were taken back to Leicester, where they were tried, convicted and executed in 1763. Their accomplice escaped to Holland, but he was subsequently captured and ended his life on the gallows at Newgate for highway robbery a few years later.

A Marvel of Engineering.

A work equal in difficulty and magnitude to the projected draining of the Zuyder Zee has been accomplished in Italy, only some auxilliary operations of minor consequence still awaiting completion. We refer to the draining of the Fucine lake, executed by the Prince Torlonia, an undertaking which has exacted the labor of twenty-five years and an outlay of ten million dollars. By this achievement forty thousand acres of rich land have been opened to tillage, and a scheme which had vainly taxed the resources of the ancient Roman empire translated into fact.

The Fucino lake, and the mountain-locked basin of which until lately it engrossed the larger part, is better known to the student than to the traveller. The region is singularly difficult of access, lying as it does in the exact heart of the Italian peninsula, and embedded in the Appenine chain. No modern railway has replaced the Valerian road which traversed the district eighteen centuries ago. When this great highway was built across the mountains by Cladius Cæsar, the edge of the lake was dotted with thriving towns, and its fruitful slopes formed one of the granaries of Rome. It was in the reign of the same Emperor that the design of sluicing off the waters of the Fucine cistern was adopted, and the notorious freedman, Narcissus, was charged with the conduct of the enterprise. Inasmuch as the main outlines of the plan conceived and brought to the verge of fulfillment by the Roman engineers have been followed in the modern works it may be well to mark the physical conditions of the problem.

The Fucine lake was a vast reservoir, replenished by the rainfall and a number of mountain streams, but without any natural outlet. Evacuation, therefore, by dredging and deepening an existing channel was plainly out of the question. Some three miles, however, to the northwest runs the river Liri, at an attitude much lower than that of the basin. It is true that the high mountain of Salviano rears its bulk between the river and the lake, but this obstacle the engineers of Cladius proposed to surmount by piercing the hill at a depth of some three hundred yards. Accordingly, the head of the sluice on the northwest rim of the cistern was fixed at a point twenty-two yards above the bottom of the Liri, while the mouth being opened about thirteen yards above the river bed, there resulted a total incline of nine yards in a course of three and a half miles. Thirty thousand workmen are said to have been employed for eleven years in the undertaking, and the tunnel was actually constructed, but so imperfectly that an attempt to draw off the waters of the reservoir entailed a catastrophe which went near to ruin the imperial favorite. It would seem that Narcissus had nothing to learn from public servants of our day, for he was accused of embezzling gigantic sums through collusion with the contractors. It appears, however, that at a later period, under the Emperor Hadrian, the sluice was so far turned to account as to considerably lower the level of the lake.

Neglected in the middle ages, the Roman works lost even this meas

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TAXES.

We have frequently shown how incorgruous, unequal, and badly executed our tax laws are. Ignorant assessors, and negligent col'ectors make the matter worse. People never pay taxes willingly, it is true, but they have the right to see that such burdens are equitably distributed, faithfully collected and the money honestly applied. To show what a wretched system we have, and how poorly even that is executed we collate a few facts from the Commissioner's Statement of valuation and taxes for 1877. Conyngham township, with 387 taxables returns 16 dogs and Sugarloaf with but 200 taxables returns 122, Berwick has 318 taxables and only 73 men fit for military duty, and Scott about one in three. In the matter of money at interest the returns from Benton, Briarcreek, Centralia, Centre, Conyngham, Hemlock, Jackson, Locust, Mt. Pleasant, Pine and Sugarloaf show not one dollar at interest, and Fishing Creek modestly reports $50 00. The whole matter is a transparent fraud on its face. In Conyngham there is one pleasure carriage valued at $825 00, and in Sugarloaf there are none! In Beaver there is only one watch, and in Benton, Briarcreek, Conyngham, Fishing Creek, Franklin, Hemlock, Jackson, Locust, Madison, Main, Pine, Roaring Creek, and Sugarloaf there are none returned!

The above statements give a fair illustration how other property is either not assessed or else not fairly valued. The result is that the assessor who makes a faithful return subjects the tax-payers of his township to an undue share of taxation, whilst the dishonest or negligent officer exonerates those in his district to a large extent. It may be said that the fault is with *the people*, who should elect better men, but it is not in human nature for voters to voluntarily place additional burdens on their own shoulders. The remedy is to have competent and disinterested parties appointed by an independent tribunal.

As to the collection of taxes, all county and local taxes should be collected by but *one* person in a district, and thus avoid the nuisance of being dunned by a dozen different men, with the risk of being made to pay the same tax twice, or of having it returned to the Treasurer. Not only this, but one collector could afford to collect the whole tax much cheaper, because the additional duplicates would add but very little to his labors.

ADJOURNED COURTS.

By reference to the Court proceedings it will be seen that an order has been made for an adjourned court in March. During the past year the time has been so much occupied with the trial of criminal cases that the civil list has grown to large proportions, and is still increasing. Last February the entire session was used up in the Rea Homicide trial, and since then the first week of every court has passed in disposing of the numerous cases of petty larceny, assault-and-battery, and the like. In consequence of the large number of civil suits that have thus accumulated, a petition signed by all the members of the Bar was presented to the court last week, asking that an order be made changing the terms to three weeks each, and giving the first week entirely to the Quarter Sessions business, motions, arguments, &c. The Judges for good reasons have not made the order for terms of three weeks, but will hold adjourned courts from time to time at seasons of the year most convenient to farmers and others, until the list is reduced to reasonable size. We are informed that a rule will be made that all cases put on the trial list for these adjourned courts, will not be allowed to be continued by consent of parties, except for good reasons.

This arrangement, will be a great saving. Parties now come here the first week of court with witnesses prepared to try civil causes, and after waiting the whole week are obliged to go home without trial, their expenses in many cases being hundreds of dollars. The action on the part of the court and lawyers is intended to prevent such useless expense.

BOOK NOTICES.

We have received from the publisher a book entitled "Beautiful Homes, or Hints in House Furnishing," by Henry T. Williams and Mrs. C. S. Jones, being volume 4 of Williams' Household Series. Such a book has long been needed, and this work supplies the want fully. It is full of valuable instruction and hints on the many different methods of making home what it ought to be, the dearest spot on earth. There are 300 engravings and illustrations. Every lady in the land should have a copy. It contains chapters on furnishing the different parts of the house, articles on fancy work and ornaments, and in fact every thing that should be in such a book. It is handsomely printed and neatly bound, and the price is only $1.50, or $2.00 for Holiday edition, full gilt.

We have also received through the kindness of the same publisher a book entitled "Household Hints and Recipes." The editor's preface says: "Common sense is the richest endowment for every good housekeeper. In these pages are found some uncommonly good hints, which, if observed, will make *good housekeeping* a thing of pleasure, and sense and sentiment will more easily combine to make every home more delightful." The price of this book with paper covers is 50 cents, in cloth $1.00.

Either of the above books can be obtained by sending the price to Henry T. Williams, Publisher, 46 Beekman Street, New York.

It is probably intended that the Duke of Connaught, the Queen's third son, shall be in time to come very closely identified with Ireland. From the first he was marked out for it being christened, "Patrick" and when a title was conferred on him it was that of an Irish province. He has now been for many months residing in Ireland, where his regiment is quartered, but he does not merely follow the hounds and stay about in great country houses, but pays great attention to the institutions and condition of the country and mingles among all sorts and conditions of men. One evening last month he dined with the Mayor of Cork, and was warmly welcomed, and about the same date made a visit to the Roman Catholic schools at Fermoy. As he is a quiet sensible young man, of excellent manners, and with the reputation of a thorough gentleman, he may do good service to Ireland.

The Death Sentence.

WAHLEN, THE ELM STATION MURDERER DOOMED TO DIE ON THE GALLOWS.

NORRISTOWN, December 10.—This morning the sentence of death was pronounced upon Henrich Wahlen, convicted of the murder of Max Hugo Hoehne, at Elm station, on the 17th of October, 1876.

The prisoner was brought into the court room shortly before ten o'clock, pinioned as usual, and in the custody of two officers of the court. The court room was very thinly attended, from the fact that Judge Ross, in order to avoid the presence of a large audience, had not given out publicly that he intended to pronounce sentence this morning.

Wahlen looked very well and was especially improved in appearance by a pair of side whiskers, which he has been cultivating since his conviction. T. Warren O'Neill, esq., the junior counsel for the prisoner, was present in court, but George N. Corson, esq., his colleague, whom the court sent for before pronouncing sentence, returned the answer that he did not desire to be present, and requested the court to proceed without him.

"May it please the court," said District Attorney Gotwaltz, rising, "John Keller, alias Heinrich Wahlen, alias Max Hugo Hoehne, was indicted by a grand jury at the September sessions of 1877, upon a bill charging him with the murder of Max Hugo Hoehne, on the 17th of October, 1876, and on the 10th of September, 1877, he was arraigned for trial in open court. A jury was selected by himself, and after being ably defended by talented counsel appointed by the court, after a careful hearing of his case, and when this court had thrown around the prisoner, by its rulings, every protection possible, the jury returned with a verdict of murder in the first degree. With that verdict the commonwealth is well satisfied, and believe the prisoner is guilty of the murder of which he has been convicted. Some fifty or more reasons are filed for a new trial; the prisoner's counsel by able argument endeavored to support these reasons, but the court refused to grant the motion. That being the case it becomes my duty as representing the commonwealth of Pennsylvania to move this court that the judgment of the law be pronounced upon the prisoner."

Judge Ross then asked Wahlen if he had anything to say why the judgment of the law should not be pronounced against him.

The prisoner who had more than once referred to some notes he had in his possession, asked his honor if he could see Dr. Haupt, the prison physician, before he said anything, as he was in a very nervous condition. His request was granted and Dr. Haupt was sent for, and after a brief conversation with the prisoner, the latter manifested a desire to proceed. The court room was silenced and all eyes were turned upon Wahlen, who began a statement which bore evidence of careful preparation and was spoken in clear English, although at times the unfortunate man failed to make intelligent connections.

"Your honor, the judge," said Wahlen, beginning in a tremulous tone, "I will make a few remarks on my unhappy condition both of body and mind. The terrible crime at Elm Station, of which I was brought in guilty has not been shown to a court and jury in its true light, and it is necessary that it should be explained, so that the court and people can distinguish between right and wrong. This terrible affair has been simply declared by a fellow named Strepolski, who stood before a court and jury and produced a story for his own protection and for my condemnation. In the name of humanity and justice I ask you to hear me and believe what I say. Strepolski is the murderer in my opinion. The chain of circumstances put around me failed in its connection. How can the commonwealth perfect a chain of evidence when the links are missing?

"I declare I am not guilty of said crime," continued Wahlen, "and innocence is my cheerful companion; in innocence I seek relief and in innocence I shall stand as firm as a rock until the day of my death. In connection with the great error in my trial I can form a very particular point. By this letter," said the prisoner producing an envelope from his pocket containing a communication which the court had previously learned had been manufactured by some one of friendly inclination to Wahlen, "Detective Abrams has for gain of gold, committed perjury, which is here entirely proven. I can further prove that Earnest Liebich, whom perhaps your honor will recollect, and who testified on my trial that I had given to him at his home on Callowhill street my name as Max Hugo Hoehne—I can prove what he said was entirely false. If your honor shall not believe my words, perhaps in the current of life the truth may come out, and the guilty brought to confession. This will then put the seal of truth on what I am to-day saying. The only protection I have received in my trial for this murder came from your honor and from my counsel, especially the younger. His earnestness in my behalf I shall never forget, and may God bless him in his business and in everything he undertakes."

After saying a kind word for Dr. Haupt, whom, he said, had with his medical advice, helped him through serious illness, Wahlen concluding, said: "I would speak more in detail in reference to my condition and to my trial, but as my health has been in a very nervous condition that is most impossible."

"The court has heard your statement and denial of the crime of which you stand convicted," said Judge Ross in pronouncing sentence. "This is neither the time nor the place for the court to discuss that question, for a jury of this county, after a patient and careful hearing, have declared you guilty in the first degree. If you be not guilty it would seem that all logical connection of facts, every sequence of circumstances have by some terrible mistake been turned against you. The court feels that you have had a fair trial, and that every construction of the law has been made in your favor. This crime, which is a memorable one, has been gradually revealed, and to-day in this last, finishing act justice is vindicated. Necessarily, I think the judgment of this court will be carried out. I do not believe there is hope on earth for you, either from the law or the executive, therefore I trust you will prepare for a better life, and it is to be hoped that the spirit which you manifest in your remarks this morning will continue to guide your course until your death. Nothing now remains for me but to pronounce sentence upon you; and the sentence is that you Hienrich Wahlen, the prisoner at the bar, be taken to the Montgomery county prison, and kept there until taken to the place of execution, and there be hanged by the neck until you are dead, and may the ever-living God have mercy on your soul."

Wahlen sat down apparently unnerved, without giving evidence of the slightest emotion, and was shortly afterwards taken back to his cell.

The Republicans who denounced Patterson and Conover in such terrible language a short time since, calling them "thieves" and "penitentiary birds," have calmed down since they voted to admit Kellogg, another carpet-bag thief and rogue, and have re-elected them to the Chairmanship of important committees. "Politics makes strange bed-fellows."

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RESULT OF THE HEARING AT BLOOMSBURG

Monday afternoon at two o'clock was the time fixed for the Williamsport councils to file their answer to the rule issued by Judge Elwell, at Bloomsburg, to show cause why they were not in contempt. Among those who repaired to Bloomsburg were, H. W. Watson, Esq., city solicitor, Messrs. J. O. Parker and R. S. Bentley, jr., D. Hart Foresman, president of common council, J. W. Hays and R. M. Forsman, also members of common council.

MR. WATSON READS THE ANSWER.

When the time arrived the court house was filled with spectators, together with many members of the bar. The answer, as already printed in the *Gazette and Bulletin*, was read to the court by Mr. H. W. Watson, together with the separate statement of Messrs. Theodore Hill and R. M. Forsman, showing that a majority of councils had endeavored to defeat all action to obey the mandate, and that they could not sign the answer because some of the allegations contained there were not true.

Mr. Watson also started that two members of the select council—Messrs. Bartles and Otto—had not signed the answer because they were confined to their rooms by illness. Mr. W. H. Taylor had in the meantime removed from the Eighth ward and had ceased to be a member of council. He therefore asked to be excused from the rule. S. L. Gage, Esq., had not signed the report, neither had he been heard from on the subject.

Mr. Watson then entered into an argument and stated the law in reference to the appointment of assessors, the classification of property, &c., and closed by appealing to the court for leniency.

REMARKS OF MR. PARKER.

Mr. Parker, of counsel for the bondholders addressed the court. He stated that there had been remarkable energy displayed by the councils for the last few days, and those who know their history had expressed surprise. In their answer councils have failed to give dates. Up to the 3d of December hardly a step had been taken to obey the mandates of the court. He read his affidavit showing the action of councils since the mandamus was issued, reciting the dates, &c. And then remarked: "Is it any wonder that they were not ready to answer on the 3d of December?" Due diligence was not taken to answer the decree of court. Councils would hardly attempt to issue more bonds when it is remembered that they had already attempted repudiation. Members of councils have said that they only voted for the bond ordinance to purge themselves of contempt, knowing it to be void. This is notorious in Williamsport. Assessors have not yet been appointed, and councils, according to their records, are in contempt of the court. Is it not time that those who sit as lawmakers, no matter how subordinate, should be taught that they must not be lawbreakers? He concluded by asking that all the members, excepting those who are ill, be brought before the court for contempt.

REJOINDER OF MR. WATSON.

In reply Mr. Watson referred to the minutes of common and select councils to show what had been done. The speaker would not admit that any of the members intended to act in disrespect of court, except Mr. Gage, who has not signed the answer or filed any explanation of his conduct. He defended the councils and stated that the introduction of the ordinance showed that there was no intent to act in contempt. The assessment act was then cited in proof of what he said. As a body councils had endeavored to comply with the mandates, notwithstanding a few members may have opposed the ordinance and talked against its passage on the streets.

REMARKS OF MR. BENTLEY.

Mr. Bentley said that he occupied the unfortunate position of being a member of the common council of Williamsport, while at the same time he was one of counsel for the bondholders. No excuse of councils showing their inability to comply with the mandamus has been filed. Many members are anxious to comply with the rule, but there are others who are determined to put in every obstruction against raising the money, until they are ready to act, and some of them declare that there is no court that can compel them to act until they are ready. The very vote of councils in opposition to the appointment of assessors showed that they were not disposed to comply. It seems like perjury to file such an answer to the rule. He asked that the court make the rule absolute and call the councils before it. Unless this was done, he believed that the bondholders might whistle for their money. And if he was not able to purge himself he was willing to take the consequences.

THE CITY TREASURER.

On the second branch of the case, relating to the position of the city treasurer, Mr. Watson called attention to the various appropriations for running the city government, and cited authorities to show that executions did not have priority. The present revenue is not more than sufficient to carry on the various branches of the city government, and he therefore argued that the money in the hands of the treasurer could not be attached to the detriment of the corporation. Councils have no right to levy more tax than is required. The debt must be paid out of unappropriated funds. The only course to pursue, therefore, is to lay a special tax, and creditors must wait until the money is raised. Questions also arise as to how the money shall be paid out. If it is insisted that the money in the hands of the treasurer shall be attached the city will be in perpetual darkness, and at the mercy of all the tramps that infest the country.

BOSS HAM GETS UNEASY.

At this point Boss Ham and J. Walker Hays, who evidently wished to return home by the train which would be due in a few minutes showed great uneasiness, and as they made a motion to retire, the judge asked them to remain a few minutes as he had a few words to say The president of common council and Mr. Hays then settled down in their seats and the court spoke as follows:

The decree of the court must be enforced and will be; and those who are entrusted with raising the money will consult together as to the best means of doing it. Resistance has been made by councils, but the law is stronger than their will. They have been dilatory and thought they could baffle the decree. The degree of punishment will depend on their further action on this decree. The rule will be continued till Friday, January, 4, 1878, and it is hoped at that time there will be no cause for further procedure.

The countenance of the Boss then brightened up, he heaved a sigh of relief, and, with Mr. Hays, hurriedly left the court room, dashed for the train and rolled away in the direction of Williamsport as fast as steam could carry them.

FURTHER ARGUMENTS.

The argument in relation to the money in the hands of the treasurer was continued at some length by Messrs. Bentley, Watson and Parker. It was claimed by the solicitor that there must be sufficient funds reserved to carry on the city government. Mr. Bentley argued that as there was $15,000 in the treasury set aside to meet the interest it should be applied at once.

At the conclusion of the argument the court promised to give a decision early in reference to the money now held by the city treasurer, which he had been peremptorily ordered to retain for the purpose of applying to the payment of the overdue indebtedness.

Councils now breathe freer since Judge Elwell has given them till the 4th of January to satisfactorily respond to the rule recently issued to show cause why they should not be attached for contempt. In granting this extension the court firmly reminded them that the decree must be enforced, and that the law was superior to their mere dictum. It was evident from the remarks of the court that our local lawmakers were regarded as occupying a contemptuous position, and they were gently reminded that such a course could not be pursued much longer with impunity. Since the court has shown such leniency it is hoped that the councils will cease their bickerings and proceed with all diligence to satisfy the decree. For their own credit, and the credit of the people they represent, they cannot afford to have the finger of ridicule pointed at them any longer. They now rise to the dignity of men, act like men, and all will be well.—*Gazette & Bulletin.*

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11, 1877.

The annual report of the Commissioners of Agriculture, just issued and ready for distribution, contains many things of interest to the general readers. The volume is unusually compact and well arranged, and there are several new subjects treated. In looking through the book I notice an article concerning "A Successful Insect Destroyer," accompanied with a drawing or cut of the invention. It is a new thing patented during the year, and promises to be a great benefit to the farming and fruit growing community. The annual destruction of crops of fruit, cotton, corn, tobacco and vegetables by the curculio, cotton-ball, army, cut and tobacco worm amounts to millions of dollars. Of all the numerous remedies tried, none have so far proved successful. The "Little Turk" as the curculio is called, has almost driven plum culture from the country, while the ravages of the other species named are immense. The worms are all hatched from eggs laid by miller and beetle insects that fly at night, and are easily caught by a properly arranged light. It is estimated that these insects deposit from 10,000 to 1,000,000 eggs each, according to the species, in the seventeen days of their average life. If, therefore, the insects can be destroyed before appearing in the worm stage of existence, this will prove the most successful point of attack. The device referred to by the Commissioner was patented by a firm in Russellville, Arkansas,—Patton & Duke, I believe, and consists of a peculiarly constructed lamp which is to be lighted and set on a pan filled with water, the bottom of which receives a stick or other support, so as to raise the light to the desired height for the crop or tree to be protected. Everybody knows the proneness of insects to go for a light. It is one of the curious facts connected with insect life that their eggs are always deposited at night. The miller species never fly by day. On a warm dark night, when there is no rain or wind, they are, in season, almost numberless and can readily be destroyed by this device. The Commissioner says: "The moths being attracted by the light, dart against it and fall into the pan, and are destroyed before depositing their eggs upon the tender leaves of the growing plants." The patentees, I learn, on inquiring, have just started a factory at Russellville and are manufacturing the lamp &c., in great quantities, and selling rights of territory.

There are continual rumors of peace negotiations between Mr. Hayes and Senator Conkling, but so far nothing has been developed that shows either of them willing to compromise. On the contrary, the indications are that hostilities will become more active.

The bill giving a sum of money to survivors of the Huron disaster, and a year's pay to the heirs of those lost, has passed both Houses, and will at once be approved by Mr. Hayes. The only precedent is in the case of the Oneida, lost some ten years ago. There has been no opposition in either House. Already a proposition is on foot to erect at Annapolis by private subscription, a monument in commemoration of the lost. The investigation into the causes of the disaster is still in progress at the Navy Department, and all testimony so far elicited goes to confirm the now very general opinion that the responsibility of the loss and the sacrifice of over a hundred lives, must rest upon the officer or officers charged with navigating her away from a stretch of coast previously beset with bars, shoals, spits, currents, counter-currents and miles upon miles of breakers, dangerous even in the mild weather of mid-summer. But they shared the fate of the vessel whose fate was committed to their custody and are gone beyond the reach of censure or praise.

A great many here and elsewhere who believe Dowling, the Toledo Postmaster, to have been removed to make way for Reed, because the latter earned Stanley Matthew's gratitude during his contest to succeed Sherman, are gratified at the rather humiliating necessity imposed on the authorities of re-instating the former in office. A more flagrant disregard of the reform programme for filling Federal positions could hardly be pointed out among the instances alleged against the Administration, and if Mr. Reed's chickens have come home thus early to roost, there will be found few to commiserate his forlorn and wretched condition consequent upon the miscarriage of the joint scheme for his reward.

SEMINOLE.

Pleasant as honey, the old folks like it, the young people like it and the babies cry for it—we mean Dr. Frazier's Cough Syrup.

We are not much with a rifle, but don't tackle us on the subject of Dr. Coxe's Wild Cherry and Seneka, as we can never get done speaking of its merits as a remedy for coughs. Price 25 and 50 cents.

A GENTLE HINT.

In our style of climate, with its sudden changes of temperature,—rain, wind and sunshine often intermingled in a single day,—it is no wonder that our children, friends and relatives are so frequently taken from us by neglected colds, half the deaths resulting directly from this cause. A bottle of Boschee's German Syrup kept about your home for immediate use will prevent serious sickness, a large doctor's bill and perhaps death, by the use of three or four doses. For curing Consumption, Hemorrhage, Pneumonia, Severe Coughs, Croup or any disease of the Throat or Lungs, its success is simply wonderful, as your druggist will tell you. German Syrup is now sold in every town and village on this continent. Sample bottles for trial, 10c; regular size, 75c.

April 27, 77-1y jl

MARKET REPORTS.

BLOOMSBURG MARKET.

Wheat per bushel	$ 1.50
Rye "	.70
Corn, new, "	.56
Oats, "	.32
Flour per barrel	8.50
Cloverseed "	
Flaxseed "	1.80
Butter "	.25
Eggs "	.26
Tallow "	.06
Potatoes "	.35
Dried Apples "	.8
Hams "	.14
Sides & Shoulders "	.10
Lard per pound "	.10
Hay per ton	16.00
Beeswax "	.25
Timothy Seed	2.10

QUOTATIONS FOR COAL.

No. 4 on Wharf	$ 3.00 per Ton
No. 5 " "	$ 2.75 "
No. 6 " "	$ 2.00 "
Blacksmith's Lump on Wharf	$ 3.50 "
" Bituminous "	$4 50 "

Marriages.

ROBERTS—GROVER.—At the residence of the bride in Lime Ridge on November 23, 1877, by Rev. Mr. Shoenberger, Mr. B. F. Roberts of Lime Ridge to Mrs. Rebecca Grover of the same place.

HOWER—SHUMAN.—On the 4th inst., at the residence of the bride's parents in Catawissa township by Rev. Wm. U. Leitzle, Mr. Alfred Hower of Catawissa to Miss Isabella Shuman, daughter of Mr. John Shuman, Esq.

Deaths.

HESS.—In Sugarloaf on the 21 inst., Alexander Hess, aged about 42 years.

GEISINGER.—In Espy on the 8th inst., Wm. H. son of David and Margaret Geisinger, aged 4 years and 4 days.

ZEIGLER.—In Mt Pleasant on the 24 inst., John Zeigler, aged 15 years, 2 months and 8 days.

COX.—On the 1st inst., Rebecca Ellen Cox, aged 8 years, 9 months and 14 days.

COX.—On the 10th inst., Martha Jane Cox, aged 6 years, 1 month and 5 days.

THE AMOUNT of testimony in favor of Dr Schenck's Pulmonic Syrup, as a cure for Consumption, far exceeds all that can be brought to support the pretensions of any other medicine. See Dr. Schenck's Almanac, which can be had of any druggist free of charge, containing the certificates of many persons of the highest respectability who have been restored to health, after being pronounced incurable by physicians of acknowledged ability. Schenck's Pulmonic Syrup alone has cured many, as these evidences will show, but the cure is often promoted by two other remedies which Dr. Schenk provides for the purpose. These additional remedies are Schenck's Sea Weed Tonic and Mandrake Pills. By the timely use of these medicines, according to directions, Dr. Schenck testifies that most any case of Consumption may be cured. Every moment of delay makes your cure more difficult, and all depends on the judicious choice of a remedy. Schenck's Mandrake Pills are an agreeable and safe cure for Constipation caused by biliousness, and also for sallow complexion and coated tongue. There is no better remedy for disordered stomach and all the evils resulting therefrom. Dr. Schenck is professionally at his principal office, corner Sixth and Arch sts., Philadelphia, every Monday, where all letters of advice must be addressed.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

Persons owing to the estate of Peter Ent on Book account, Note, or Judgment are requested to make payment to the undersigned by January 1st, 1878 or costs will follow.

Dec. 14, 77-3t U. H. ENT, Administrator, &c.

LOVERS BOOK OF KNOWLEDGE, or Secrets of Love, Courtship and Marriage—Showing how to get married, live happily—obtain health, wealth and distinction, and appear to advantage in society—200 pages—300 to 0 sold. Mailed for 50 cts in postage stamps or currency. Address THE UNION PUBLISHING COMPANY, Newark, N. J.

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Administrator's Sale

OF VALUABLE

REAL ESTATE!

By virtue of an Order of the Orphan's Court of Columbia county, the undersigned, Administrator de bonis non of the estate of Peter Ent, dec'd will expose to public sale, on the premises, at Light Street, Columbia county, Pennsylvania, on

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11th, 1878,

at ten o'clock a. m., all that certain real estate, situate in said Columbia county, described as follows: No. 1.—A

Grist and Saw Mill Property

with a good water-power, bounded by Fishings reek, a public road, and other lands of said deceased. The Grist Mill has 4 run of stone, and is constructed for either merchant or country work.

No. 2.—A messuage and tract of land situate in Orange township, bounded by lands of A. Custer, William White, A. M. White, estate of W. H. Ent, S. B. Seybert, and others containing

110 ACRES,

more or less, on which there is a

GOOD HOUSE AND BARN,

and other out buildings.

Nos. 1 and 2 will be sold separately or together to suit purchasers.

No. 4.—Two acres of TOWN LOTS in Light Street aforesaid, bounded by two unnamed streets and two alleys.

No. 5.—Three acres in Light Street, bounded by lands of Mrs. Diehl, Wm. Hagenbuch and an alley.

No. 6.—Seven acres in same village, bounded by lands of Kelchner & Son and by the Fishing creek.

No. 4.—will be sold as a whole or in parts to suit purchasers.

TERMS OF SALE.—Ten per cent. of the one-fourth of the purchase money to be paid at the striking down of the property; the one-fourth less the ten per cent. at the confirmation of sale; and the remaining three-fourths in one year thereafter, with interest from confirmation nisi.

dec 14, 77-ts USUAL H. ENT, Administrator, &c.

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December 14, 1877-1y

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

Notice is hereby given to all parties interested that B. H. Vannatta, late of this place has given me a full power of attorney to settle up his business and to complete his existing contracts.

CHARLES KRUG.

Bloomsburg, Pa., Dec. 14th, 1877-4W

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

ESTATE OF JACOB STINE, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration on the estate of Jacob Stine, late of Locust township, Columbia county, Pa., deceased, have been granted by the Register of said county to William Pfahler and Daniel I. Stine of same township. All persons having claims against the estate of the decedent are requested to present them for settlement, and those indebted to the estate to make payment to the undersigned Administrators without delay.

WILLIAM PFAHLER,
DANIEL I. STINE,
Administrators.

W. L. EVERLY, Atty.
Dec. 14, 1877-6w*

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May 3, '76.-1y. RUPERT, PA.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

ESTATE OF DAVID SHAFFER, JR., DEC'D.

Letters of administration, on the estate of David Shaffer, jr., late of Briarcreek township, Columbia co., Pa., have been granted by the Register of Columbia county, to Levi Shaffer, Administrator of same township, to whom all persons indebted, are requested to make immediate payment and those having claims or demands against the said estate will make them known to the undersigned Administrator without delay.

LEVI SHAFFER,
nov. 16-6w* Administrator.

NOTICE

Is hereby given that an application will be made under the act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania entitled "An Act to provide for the Incorporation and regulation of certain Corporations," approved April 29th, 1874 and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation, to be called "Patrons Horse Insurance Company of Pennsylvania," the character and object of which is the appreension of the thief, recovery of stolen horse, and remuneration to owner for loss if not recovered, or damage if injured, and for that purpose to have, possess and enjoy, all the rights, benefits and privileges of said Act of Assembly.

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10. THE WOMAN IN WHITE, By Wilkie Collins	20c
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12. THE AMERICAN SENATOR, by Anthony Trollope	20c
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20. OLD CURIOSITY SHOP, by Charles Dickens	10c
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22. MAN AND WIFE, By Wilkie Collins	20c
23. THE SECRET'S LEGACY, by Mary Cecil Hay	10c
24. "IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO MEND," by Charles Reade	20c
25. LADY ADELAIDE'S OATH, by Mrs. H. Wood.	10c
26. ARIANA FLOYD, by Mrs. M. E. Braddon	10c
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33. Handy Andy, by Samuel Lover.	20c
34. A Simpleton, by Charles Reade.	10c
35. Felix Holt, the Radical, by Geo. Eliot.	20c
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BLOOMSBURG, FRIDAY, DEC. 14, 1877

Rail Road Time Table.

LACKAWANNA & BLOOMSBURG RAIL ROAD

	NORTH.	SOUTH.
Accommodation Train.....	8.48 A. M.	7.52 A. M.
Mail Train.....	7.58 A. M	4.49 P. M
Express Train.....	1.50 P. M.	11.57 A. M
" "	8.56 P. M.	

CATAWISSA RAIL ROAD.

	NORTH.	SOUTH
Accommodation Train	6.48 A. M.	7.37 P. M
Regular Express.....	4.06 P. M.	11.30 A. M.

Through cars on Express train either to New York or Philadelphia. Accommodation train runs between Catawissa and Williamsport.

TO CLUB AGENTS.

We want a good active agent in every neighborhood in the county to secure new subscribers for the COLUMBIAN for 1878. None are so competent to do this work as the present readers, who know what the paper is, and can recommend it to others. Any one willing to undertake this work can get all the necessary information by calling at this office. For all cash payments by new subscribers secured by agents, we will allow a cash percentage, which is better than a premium picture or a cheap sewing machine.

POSITIVELY

All subscriptions on which nothing has been paid since Oct. 1st 1875, will be stopped on the 1st of January, and the bills collected by law, at our advertised rates, viz $2.50 a year, when not paid during the year. Parties owing for more than two years will have an opportunity to settle at $2.00 a year, up to that time.

NOTES

Held by us for subscription are all over due, and unless paid by January 1st, they will be sued, and costs must be paid by the parties We have already paid a collector's commission on these notes, and can stand no further loss of time and money. They must be paid. Parties will please remember that the notes waive exemption and stay of execution.

If we make costs do not get angry. You have had ample notice.

Order your printing at the COLUMBIAN office.

Charles Mendenhall returned from the west last week after an absence of several months

For posters, invitations, cards, &c., for Holiday Balls and parties, go to the COLUMBIAN office.

Tramps must keep well posted as to the different sittings of Courts. Few if any were seen in town last week.

Paul E. Wirt, Esq., has been elected Secretary of the Bloomsburg Saving Fund and Loan Association, vice C. G. Barkley, Esq., resigned.

Don't take off your horse's bridle and tie him to a post with the martingale. A certain gentleman tried it and it didn't work worth a cent.

G. A. Clark has enlarged the show windows in his book store, and thereby improved its appearance. The glass are large heavy French plate.

The new Sunbury jail has been taken possession of by the Sheriff, and the institution defeated by a dinner, attended by the Bench and Bar.

When the disorders of Babyhood attack your Baby use at once Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup and notice its rapid and beneficial effect. 25 cents per bottle.

The fall term of the State Normal School will close with a literary and musical entertainment, on the evening of December 21st, in the Institute Hall.

An exchange says "It is time now to hear from big hogs. John Higgins makes the first report." The paper does not state how big a how Higgins was.

Stop that coughing; if you do not it may kill you. A bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup only costs you 25 cents, and its timely use may save your life.

William Lowrie is back at his old pos in G. A. Clark's Book Store, as clerk and telegraph operator. Frank Rogers is engaged in W. C. McKinney's Shoe Store.

Christmas is near at hand, and everybody is busily engaged in making and purchasing presents. If you want to know where to go to buy gifts, read our Holiday local notices.

The Fair held by the ladies of the Presbyterian church at the McKelvy house last week was very successful. We learn the receipts amounted to nearly four hundred dollars.

There has never been seen or tried, such a simple, faithful, efficacious, satisfactory and pleasant remedy as Dr Hons' Expectorant, for coughs and colds. 25 and 50 cents a bottle.

Merchants complain of the small margins of profits, but hope to make up for it in the increase of sales. They are not disappointed in this at least as far as the sales of Dr. Cox's Wild Cherry and Santonine Worm Syrup are concerned. They are immense.

Last Friday morning Daniel Kelly appeared in Court and asked that his case be continued until next term. Col. Freeze gave notice that he would ask the District Attorney to send up an indictment against him for the murder of Alexander Rea, at February Court.

A Northumberland county Justice last week decided that a member of the Bar from this county could not practice before him, unless he had been admitted to pratice in the Courts of that county. The knowledge of a little law would be useful to Justices of the Peace.

Alice Henwood, wife of Mr. Wm. J. Henwood and sister of Mr. William Hart of this place, died in Linden, Wis., on Thursday, Nov. 28th. They formerly resided here and removed to their western home about three years ago. She was much esteemed by her friends.—*Republican.*

Saturday night the 26th of last May Wm. C. Heffler's house was robbed of all the provisions and some other things. On the Monday following a search warrant was taken out on suspicion and in the house of John W. Krebs was found most of the stolen property, but Krebs had escaped. A few days ago Chief King heard of his being in Berwick and going to that place last Friday arrested him and brought him before Esq. Murray, who committed him for trial.—*Montour American of Dec. 6th.*

At least a score of candidates were plying their vocation during the past two weeks of Court. Many of "the dear people" were taken by the hand who have heretofore been passed neglected, and it was gratifying to see the sudden interest in crops, in the families, &c. Many pledges were made to be broken, and many heart aches and disappointments will hereafter ensue. But "bide a wee" our friends. The harvest is not past, the summer is not ended and you are not saved. The people propose to take a hand in the game the coming fall, and the astuteness of politicians or electioneering schemes will not avail unless the candidates are in accord with their wishes and interests. We do not say this to discourage any one, but to call attention to the fact, and thus soften future disappointment.

For the past twenty-two years Jacob L. Girton has carried passengers to and from the railroad. On Tuesday last George Risewick purchased Mr. Girton's omnibuses and horses, and will carry on the business of transportation hereafter. We understand that Girton intends to move to the oil regions.

It seems that there are eight teachers in Columbia county who take the Pennsylvania School Journal, or about four per cent. About the same number take the COLUMBIAN. They can not therefore expect us to publish matter for their special benefit gratuitously. Newspapers must live as well as individuals.

Ladies, read the advertisement of Magic Tints of the Kearney Chemical Works in another column. They profess to instantly renew the color of faded Ribbons, Neckties and Dresses, or to impart to them new and lovely shades at a nominal cost. For instance, less than a cent a pair for Stockings, Neckties, &c. No Chemicals required, or other apparatus than is found in every house.

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATURE.—This body will meet at Harrisburg on the first Tuesday of next January. We do not know that there is anything for it to do specially except to draw the salaries, mileage, postage stamps &c., of the members. We would suggest that they do that promptly and adjourn. Such action would prove economical to the people, and save the State from a mass of badly digested legislation In fact the laws we need we do not get, and those we do need are never passed.

Our retiring District Attorney, John M. Clark, Esq., is about to give peace to his successor, Robert R. Little Esq. Mr. Clark did not seek a renomination and retires with the good wishes of the profession and of the people To the former he was courteous and obliging, and his whole duty was done toward the latter. Useless and vexatious prosecutions were discouraged, and Courts and Grand Juries were not delayed by his negligence, as had been the custom with some of his predecessors. We feel satisfied also that Mr. Little will merit the same approval in the administration of his office.

Last Monday was a busy day in Court. A number of prominent lawyers of Williamsport were here asking for an attachment to bring the City Council before the Court for contempt in failing to obey an order to pay the city bonds The Councils were given until the 4th of January to answer. In the evening the question on foreclosure of a mortgage against the Danville, Hazleton & Wilkesbarre Railroad was argued. F. Carroll Brewster, Jr., and H. E. Hepburn, of Philadelphia, opposing it, and Mr. Thompson, of Philadelphia, and Mr. Buckalew arguing for it. The real question was whether Simon P. Kase and the Girard Insurance Company should be permitted to become defendants in the suit.

SPASMODIC ADVERTISING.

The practice of advertising a little now and then may be of small benefit, but as a cotemporary remarks, "it is only a drop in the bucket compared with a standing advertisement in the columns of an influential and respectable newspaper. All the prosperous business men of to-day, who have made their money legitimately in their business, have done it by steady, persistent advertising, and not by sports and jerks. Irregular advertising is like raising a sign one day and tearing it down the next, and so on indefinitely. Better to do this than not at all, but how infinitely wiser to keep your name and business constantly in view.

We learn from an Exchange that the County Commissioners there have agreed with the banks that if they (the banks) pay the tax upon capital stock to the County, instead of to the State—it being optional whether they pay locally or to the State—the tax shall not be greater than one and one half mills upon such capital stock. The School Board of Williamsport have also passed a resolution, accepting one and one-half mills as tax in full for the year 1878. Can't the same arrangement be made by our School Board, and by our County Commissioners, or has it already been done? When individuals are compelled to exercise the strictest economy in every department public servants should do the same thing. It is too much the fashion now a days to be a little reckless in handling other people's money.

The attention of agents is called to The Housekeeper's Supply Company, of Cincinnati, Ohio, who make a business of getting up and manufacturing new and *labor-saving* conveniences for housekeepers, and give employment to hundreds of agents of both sexes throughout the whole United States to introduce and sell them, and offer inducements that will pay them handsomely. Many of their agents are now making from $4 to $6 per day, and some of them even more. Write to them at once and they will send you circulars, giving you full description of each article they manufacture, and their terms to agents, and will assign you exclusive territory to sell in. Their address is The Housekeepers' Supply Company, No. 242 Elm Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dec. 14 4w.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Commonwealth against Samuel Smith. Larceny, case called, defendant pleads not guilty. Jury called, verdict guilty. This was a prosecution for stealing a few boards. Court sentenced defendant to pay a fine of ten dollars, and costs of prosecution, and stand committed until sentence is complied with.

Commonwealth against Robert Swisher and Elias Young. Larceny. True bill.

Commonwealth against Wm. Dennis and James Johnson, case called, defendants plead not guilty. Jury called, verdict, guilty. The Court committed James Johnson to the custody of the managers of the House of Refuge at Philadelphia. Sheriff to conduct him there within ten days.

Recognizance of James Dennis in $100 for appearance of Wm. Dennis before the Court of Quarter Sessions at any time he may be required.

Commonwealth against Elias Young. Continued at instance of defendant.

Commonwealth against same. Defendant pleads not guilty. Jury called, verdict not guilty.

Commonwealth against Geo. P. Young. Larceny, not a true bill, Charles Mickham prosecutor to pay costs.

A. T. Ikeler against Jonas Doty. Jury called, verdict for plaintiff for $175,00.

Commonwealth against Simon Snyder. Recognizance of defendant. Daniel Morris, and E. Watkins each in $100 for appearance of defendant at next Sessions.

Court made the following orders:

And now December 8th, 1877 ordered that the number of persons to be selected and placed in the wheel as jurors for the ensuing year be and the same is hereby fixed at six hundred and fifty.

And now December 8, 1877 ordered that a venire be issued for a grand jury in the Oyer and Terminer and Quarter Sessions for February Sessions 1878, and that a venire be issued in said courts for forty eight traverse jurors for the first week of said term, also that a venire be issued for thirty six traverse jurors in the Court of Common Pleas for the second week of said term. It is further ordered that an adjourned court be held the week beginning on the second Monday of March next, and that a venire be issued for thirty-six jurors in the Common Pleas for said week, and at said adjourned court the unfinished business of the February term will be taken up in the same order as if said adjourned court were the third week of February term.

The examinations at the Normal School for the fall term will begin on Wednesday morning December 19th, 1877, and close on Friday, December 21st.

HOW TO ORGANIZE BOOK CLUBS.

The subject of a Reading Room, and the attendant necessity of books, magazines and newspapers has recently been discussed in these columns, but the movement will probably fail for want of public support. In discussing the subject of reading supplies, Dr. Holland in December's "Scribner" pertinently says:

"The great want experienced by cultured men and women in a small town is of books, periodicals, etc., which, individually, they are not able to buy. There are very few circulating libraries in American towns of a population less than ten thousand. This want can be obviated in a measure by a friendly combination between certain families or individuals, in which each contributes a given number of books to a common stock; these books are loaned to the members in turn. A more formal and much better way is the formation of a book-club, such as were common in England before the establishment of Mudie, at which each member pays in the beginning a certain sum, with which as many books are purchased as there are members, each one choosing a book; these pass in regular rotation from hand to hand, remaining a fortnight with each reader; twenty books may thus be read for the cost of one. When the books have passed around the circle they are sold to members for the benefit of the club. Fines for detention and abuse of books also keep up the funds. No officer is required in this association but a treasurer. Another advantage in the plan is that books can be bought by the quantity at lower rates than singly. The same rule applies to subscriptions for magazines, newspapers, etc.

The Young Men's Christian Association will hold its first annual anniversary in the M. E church on Tuesday evening, the 18th, commencing at 7 o'clock. Owing to the fact that Dr. McCron is compelled to be absent, his place as lecturer will be supplied by Rev. M C. Brittain. The exercises will consist of

Prayer by Rev. Stuart Mitchell.
Singing by the Methodist choir, under leadership of Mrs. Edgett.
Address by Prof. George Wilbur.
Singing.
Report of Secretary for the year past.
Report of Treasurer for the year past.
Lecture by Rev. M. C. Brittain. Subject, "Dignity of Labor."
Singing.
Address by Prof. J. C. Cook, of Danville, Pa.
Singing.
Closing prayer, by Rev. J. P. Tustin.
Admission free.

INDEXED DIARY.—The Marginal Indexed Diary, or Daily Record Book, published by the Erie Publishing Co., Erie, Pa., is the best thing of the kind yet issued. It is convenient either for the pocket or desk, and being perpetual is good for any year or at any time of the year. There is an index of months across the foot of the page, and an index of days for each month at the side which enables the user to turn instantly to any date desired. It also contains an Aphabetical Index for classifying the subject matter of the book, besides thirty pages of valuable tables and useful information. We have one and do not hesitate to say it is the best thing in the line of Diaries we have ever seen. The prices range from 75 cents to $2.25 per copy, according to style of binding; sent post paid by the publishers, also for sale by Stationers.

The Rose of death. Do not wait until the hectic flush which indicates advanced consumption, appears on the cheek. Check the hard cough and heal the irritated lungs with *Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar*, before the crisis comes. Be in time. Sold by all Druggists.

Pike's Toothache Drops cure in 1 minute.

Dec., 14 1m.

COLUMBIA AND LUZERNE COUNTY DISTRICT GRANGE, NO. 5, P. OF H.

District Grange No. 5, composed of Columbia and southern portions of Luzerne counties, will meet at Bloomsburg, Columbia county, in Correll's hall, on the first Friday of January, 1878, (it being the 4th,) at ten o'clock a. m. A full attendance is desired. Full 5th degree conferred and officers for the coming year to be installed. Worthy State Lecturer Downing will be with us. Send three delegates with master, past master, and wives, if matrons, from each subordinate Grange. All 4th degree will attend that desire, but not vote. Have your dues ready. If you cannot be present, send by your delegate. Patrons, rally, once again, shouting the battle cry of the Grange.

H. H. BROWN, Master.
E. M. TEWKSBURY, Secretary.

Priceless Discovery.

A Sure Cure for Piles.

A sure cure for the blind, bleeding, itching and ulcerated piles has been discovered by Dr. William, an Indian remedy called Dr. William's Indian Ointment. A single box has cured the worst old chronic cases of twenty-five and thirty years' standing. No one need suffer five minutes after applying this wonderful soothing medicine. Lotions, instruments and electuaries do more harm than good. William's ointment supports the tumors, allays the intense itching (particularly at night after getting warm in bed), acts as a poultice, gives instant relief, and is prepared only for Piles and nothing else. Hundreds of cured patients attest its virtues and a trial will convince you. Price $1 per box, which is a reasonable contribution to medicine of the age. It matters not how long or severely you have been suffering, you can be cured.

Mr Joseph M. Ryder, Cleveland, Ohio, writes: I suffered for years with Itching and Ulcerated Piles, tried remedy after remedy advertised, and consulted physicians in Philadelphia, Louisville, Cincinnati, and this city, and spent hundreds of dollars, but found no relief until I obtained a box of Dr. William's Indian ointment some four months ago, and it has cured me completely. I had a part of the box left which I gave to a friend of mine who had doctored with many physicians, and as a last resort went to the noted Hot Springs, Arkansas, for treatment. He informs me that the Indian ointment has also cured him of the piles. It is certainly a wonderful discovery, and should be used by the many thousands who are now suffering with that dread disease.

☞$10,000 Reward will be paid for a more certain remedy. Sold by all druggists. DR. O. W. FRAZIER, sole proprietor, Cleveland O.

DON'T NEGLECT A COUGH

or Cold, when 25 cents will buy a bottle of Dr. Frazier's Cough Syrup at any drug store. It has wrought a complete change in the Cough Medicines, as pleasant as honey and always cures.

TO CONSUMPTIVES.

☞ Dr. Frazier's Cough Syrup used in connection with Dr. Frazier's Root Bitters WILL CURE CONSUMPTION.

Standard Steam Laundry, Cleveland, O, Oct. 30, '76.

DR. FRAZIER, Dear Sir: I feel it a duty I owe to suffering humanity to write you. For some time I was sorely afflicted with a cough, raising bad stuff, with every symptom of being a confirmed consumptive. I tried different medicines and cures without finding relief; I also consulted three of our most prominent Cleveland physicians, the last one of which pronounced my case serious, and informed me that I could not live more than a few months. About this time, hearing of your wonderful success, I commenced taking your Syrup in connection with your Root Bitters, and was at once benefited, and after using the medicine some two months I find myself entirely cured. TORRENCE DUNN.

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☞ The above Medicines speak for themselves. DR. O. W. FRAZIER, Proprietor Cleveland, O.

For Sale by all Druggists.

Dec. 14, 1877-1y

Coal! Coal!! Coal!!!

Extra preparation!

Superior quality!

Orders left at I. W. McKelvy's Store, at our office, or sent through the mails will receive prompt attention.

Your patronage is respectfully solicited.

C. W. NEAL & BRO.

May 1, 1877.

$3 GOLD PLATED WATCHES, Cheapest in the known world. *Sample Watch Free to Agents.* Address, A. COULTAS & Co., Chicago. aug. 17, '77-1y R & C

SPECIAL
Holiday Notices.

An elegant present for a little boy is one of those new Sleds at Maize's.

Do you want silverware for a Christmas present? Do you want an elegant gift for husband, wife, father, mother, sister, brother or child? Then take our advice and go to Louis Bernhard's Jewelry Store in Cadman's block, where you will see just what you want.

New lot of Mince Meat at Conner's this week.

At Cadman's Furniture store is to be found a large variety of fine goods suitable for Christmas goods. Go and see them.

C. C Marr has his new Fall stock of Jeans, Cottonnades and Cassimeres for boys and men.

McKinneys Shoe Store below Court House.

Clark & Wolf offer the largest line of Holiday goods they have ever offered and at prices much lower than they have ever been. Call and see them.

Hymns. Methodist, Lutheran and Presbyterian Hymns in every style at G. A. Clark's.

Don't forget that there remains but a few weeks more to secure a bargain in Lamps, selling at cost, at Moyer Bros.

Special attention given to repairing of all kinds. Watches, spectacles, clocks &c., skilfully and promptly repaired. Bates has a high reputation as a watch maker and jeweler.

Cash or produce will buy at D. A. Creasy's, 3 lb. can Peach, 15 cts.
2 lb. can corn, 20 cts.
Valencia Raisins, 8 cts. a pound.
Exton Crackers, 12 cts. a pound.
Arbuckle's Coffee, 25 and 28 cts. a pound.
Golden Syrup, 60 cts. a gallon.
White Drip, 70 cts. a gallon.
New Orleans Molasses, 80 cts. a gallon.

Blankets from $1.50 per pair up, at I. W. Hartman's.

Call at McKinneys for Shoes.

Christmas Goods for presents.
Gent's Mufflers,
Gent's castor gloves,
Gent's silk handkerchief's,
All of the latest style and lowest prices at D. Lowenberg's.

More 8 cents and better quality canton flannel at Lutz & Sloan's.

Special inducements will be offered to persons buying a quantity of goods at J. H. Maize's up to January 1st, in order to reduce stock 10 lbs. of pared peaches for $1.80 formerly sold at 25 cts. a pound. The Alden evaporated pared peach is the finest out. We have tried them and know.

Oranges and lemons for the Holidays cheap at Conner's.

Brackets, picture frames, card stands, music racks, foot rests, blacking stools, hanging baskets, ladies' work stands, nice for Christmas at Cadman's.

Go to Marr's for new and cheap floor and table Oil Cloth.

Boots and Shoes cheap at McKinney's.

Ties, bows, hosiery, gloves, laces, linen handkerchiefs from 5 cents to $8.00. Silk handkerchiefs from 20 cents to $1.50 at Clark & Wolf's.

Fresh line of New Goods this week at Creasy's.

Furs, cheap, at I. W. Hartman's.

Cheap Clothing for winter.
Suits for men,
Suits for boys,
Pretty little suits for children at D. Lowenberg's.

22 more sets of Furs just received at Lutz & Sloan's $3.25 and up.

Papaterie Handkerchief Boxes, at G A, Clark's.

Another car load of Window Glass to arrive this week at Moyer Bros.

Go to P. S. Bates' new Jewelry Store for your Christmas presents.

In canned goods, groceries, &c., J. H. Maize is ahead. The finest fruits on hand. Dates, raisins, prunes, Cocoanuts, Malaga grapes soft shell almonds, fine candies in great variety. Put in a supply for Christmas.

Boot headquarters at McKinney's.

Big bargains in fancy dress goods to close out at Clark & Wolf's.

I. W. Hartman has some handsome Glassware and China displayed for Christmas sales.

Ulsters for men,
Ulsters for boys,
Ulsters for children,
Cheap and good at D. Lowenberg's.

Lutz & Sloan make a handsome display of good plated jewelry.

Alphabet Blocks of every style at G. A. Clark's.

Bernhard's window dazzles the eyes. It is filled with elegant clocks, tea sets, castors, cake baskets, card baskets, napkin rings, jewelry and many other articles suitable for Christmas presents.

Watches, clocks, jewelry silverware, &c., carefully and skillfully repaired by L. Bernhard.

Rubbers at McKinney's.

Go to Marr's for cheap boots and shoes.

Toilet sets, mats, tidies, napkins, towels table linens, doyles and stand covers cheap at Clark & Wolf's.

The largest stock of Children's Books at I. W. Hartman's.

For good and useful Christmas presents go to Lutz & Sloan's.

An immense stock of Chromos at G. A. Clark's.

Handsome china cups and saucers for ladies, mustache cups for gentlemen, for the Holidays, at Maize's.

Chickens wanted at Conner's.

Glove boxes, handkerchief boxes, fancy boxes, book marks and ribbons lower than ever at Clark & Wolf's.

12 Goblets for $1 at Creasy's.

Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs, Scarfs, Nubias, Fascinators, Woolen Hose, Leggings, &c., in great variety at I. W. Hartman's.

WANTED.—Two girls to learn the tailoring trade. Wm. Y. Kester. Apr. 27-tf

Admission free at McKinney's.

The handsomest thing in town for a Christmas present to your wife or sweetheart is that beautiful Toilet Set at Moyer Bros.

New prints, flannels, ginghams, tycoon, reps, prints, muslins, wiggans, cambric, &c., next week at Clark & Wolf's at bottom prices.

Scrap Books and Pictures. Scrap Books of all descriptions at G. A. Clark's.

SPECIAL
Holiday Notices.

Gents, call and see the best shirt made, the Eighmie patent bosom at Clark & Wolf's.

Fine lamps very cheap, splendid Toilet sets, fancy glassware, chamber sets, elegant vases of all sizes, smoking sets, at Maize's make nice Christmas presents.

Where is Creasy's new cash store? Opposite the Episcopal church, and he keeps a fine line of General Merchandise, Groceries, &c.

Mark Twain's celebrated Scrap Book at G. A. Clark's.

Since the discovery of Dr. William's Indian Ointment there is certainly no excuse for any one to suffer with the Piles. See advertisement.

Call in at I. W. Hartman's and look at the Photograph Albums.

Beaver cloths and coats, waterproofs, flannels, prints, ginghams, tickings, skirting and felt skirts cheap at Clark & Wolf's.

A fine stock of Toilet Soaps and Perfumery, Hair and Tooth Brushes, Pocket Books and Cigar Cases, any of which would make a suitable Christmas gift, at Moyer Bros.

At Bates' Store an elegant assortment of Jewelry, Silver and Plated Ware just received, and for sale at low prices.

J. H. Maize is offering a large lot of fine goods in lamps, china and glassware &c., at greatly reduced prices.

Carts and hobby horses for the little ones at Cadman's.

Ladies' gloves very cheap at Clark & Wolf's.

Opinions of the Public on the Pearl Shirt.
Mrs. Brown is delighted at the Pearl Shirt.
Mrs. Jones thinks they are Un X Ld.
Mrs. Smith says she will never make one at home.
Try one and be convinced.
Can only be bought at D. Lowenberg's.

H. & M. Smith's Gold Pens and Pencils for sale at I. W. Hartman's.

Episcopal Prayer Books in beautiful binding at G. A. Clark's.

Lutz & Sloan receive goods almost every day and are kept busy selling them.

Castors, Card Baskets, Mugs, Vases, Pickle Castors, Toilet Sets, Tea Sets, and a full line of splendid goods for the Holidays, at P. S. Bates'.

Bargains in twilights, wool hoods, nubias, leggings, hosiery, kid gloves &c., at Clark & Wolf's.

Toy sets of dishes, china toys, pretty vases for little girls at Maize's.

Diaries and Pocket Books in great variety at I. W. Hartman's.

G. A. Clark's store is the center of attraction for Christmas Presents.

New lot of Cranberries at Conner's this week.

Another large lot of Paints, just received by Moyer Bros., will be sold cheaper than ever for cash.

Many consumptives are now using Dr. Frazier's Root Bitters and Cough Syrup with remarkable success.

New line of Crepe Lisse footing and Tarlatan ruffling, collars, cuffs, &c., just received at Clark & Wolf's.

Fresh supply of wool and cotton Carpet Chain at Marr's.

Newest styles Writing papers in fancy boxes at I. W. Hartman's.

Parlor set, walnut chamber sets, cottage sets, sideboards, chairs, and all kinds of furniture cheap at Cadman's.

$1.00 buys—the Pearl Shirt.
A marvel of cheapness—the Pearl Shirt.
The best made—the Pearl Shirt.
The best fitting—the Pearl Shirt.
Try before you buy—the Pearl Shirt.
Sold only at Lowenberg's Clothing Store.

You can get white, black and grey fur trimming at Lutz & Sloan's.

New lot of Germantown wools, zephyrs, bed spreads, canvass mottoes, jewelry, &c., just opened at bottom prices at Clark & Wolf's.

Marr wants Dried Raspberries and pitted Cherries.

G. A. Clark has just received $500 worth of Mabie & Todd's celebrated Gold Pens, Pencils and Toothpicks.

Nicest bedroom lamp for twenty-five cts. at Conner's.

Another large lot of black Alpacas at Lutz & Sloan's. Price 20 cents and upwards.

Go to Clark & Wolf's to buy your Christmas presents, useful, cheap and good.

A good domestic Sulphur bath can be instantly prepared by taking a cake of Glen's Sulphur Soap into the bath tub. Such an expedient will, to use a slang phrase, "knock the spots off" any victim of cutaneous blemishes. Sold by all druggists 25 cents.

Hill's Hair & Whisker Dye, black or brown, 50 cts.

Nov. 23 4w.

E. F. KUNKEL'S BITTER WINE OF IRON.

E. F. Kunkel's celebrated Bitter Wine of Iron will effectually cure liver complaint, jaundice, dyspepsia, chronic or nervous debility, chronic diarrhœa, disease of the kidneys and all diseases arising from a disordered liver, stomach or intestines, such as constipation, flatulence, inward piles, fulness of blood to the head, acidity of the stomach, nausea, heartburn, disgust for food, fullness of weight in the stomach, swimming of the head, hurried or difficult breathing, fluttering of the heart, choking or suffocating sensation when in a lying posture, dimness of vision, dots or webs before the sight, dull pain in the head, deficiency of perspiration, yellowness of the skin and eyes, pain in the back, head, chest, limbs, etc., sudden flushes of heat, burning in the flesh, constant imaginings of evil and great depression of spirits. Price $1 per bottle. Beware of counterfeits. Do not let your druggist palm off some other preparation of iron, he may say it is as good, but ask for Kunkel's Bitter Wine of Iron. Take no other. Kunkel's Bitter Wine of Iron is not sold in bulk—only in $1 bottles. E. F. Kunkel, Proprietor, No. 209 North Ninth street, Philadelphia, Pa. Sold by all druggists and dealers everywhere.

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Head all complete in two hours. No fee till head passes. Scal, Pin and Stomach worms removed by Dr. Kunkel, 229, North Ninth street, Philadelphia, Pa. Send for circular. For removing, Scal, Pin or Stomach Worms call on your druggist and ask for a bottle of Kunkel's worm syrup. Price $1. It never fails Common sense teaches if Tape Worm can be removed, all other worms can be readily destroyed. dec. 7

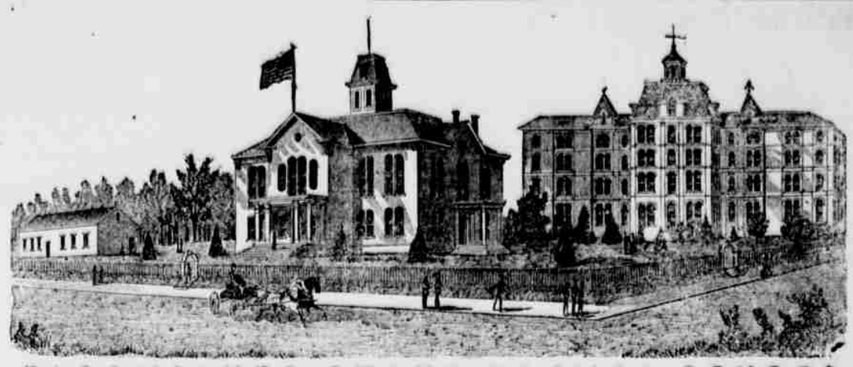
It Has Stood the Test.

If you doubt the wonderful success of Shiloh's Consumption Cure, give it a trial: then if you are not perfectly satisfied, return the bottle and we will refund the price paid. It has established the fact that Consumption can be cured, while for coughs, asthma, hoarseness, whooping cough and all lung or throat troubles, there is nothing like it for a quick and positive cure, and it seldom fails. 10 cents, 50 cents and $1 per bottle. If your lungs are sore, or chest or back lame, use Shiloh's Porous Plaster price 25 cents. Sold by C. A. Kleim and N. J. Hendershott.

Dr. Shiloh's System Vitalizer is no doubt the most successful cure for Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint we have ever known, otherwise we could not guarantee it. In cases of consumption where general debility, loss of appetite and constipation exist, it will restore and regulate the system while Shiloh's cure allays the inflammation and heals the lungs. Price 75 cts. Sold by C. A. Kleim and N. J. Hendershott.

HACKMETACK, a rich and fragrant perfume. Sold by C. A. Kleim and N. J. Hendershott. April 6, '77-1y

WANTED to cure a case of Catarrh in each neighborhood, with Dr. Karsner's Remedy to introduce it. Sample free. J. C. Tilton, Pittsburg, Pa. 1w400 nov. 30, '77-3m



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HON. WILLIAM ELWELL, President Board of Trustees.
Sept. 5, '76.—

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Letters of Administration on the estate of Oscar P. Ent, late of Scott township, Col. co., deceased, have been granted by the Register of said county to the undersigned Administrator, to whom all persons indebted are requested to make immediate payment and those having claims or demands against the estate will make them known to the administrator without delay.

ROBERT S. ENT,
nov. 30, '77-6w Administrator.

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Young Folks.

A Doll Party.

There was another interesting feature of the scene which would have puzzled any but those well acquainted with the manners and customs of dolls. A fourteenth rag baby, with a china head, hung by her neck from the rusty knocker in the middle of the door. A sprig of white and one of purple lilac nodded over her, a dress of yellow calico, richly trimmed with red flannel scallops shrouded her slender form, a garland of small flowers crowned her glossy curls, and a pair of blue boots touched toes in the friendliest, if not the most graceful, manner. An emotion of grief, as well as of surprise, might well have thrilled any youthful breast at such a spectacle, for why, oh! why, was this resplendent dolly hung up there to be stared at by thirteen of her kindred? Was she a criminal, the sight of whose execution threw them flat upon their backs in speechless horror? Or was she an idol, to be adored in that humble posture? Neither, my friends. She was blonde Belinda, set, or rather hung, aloft, in the place of honor, for this was her seventh birthday, and a superb ball was about to celebrate the great event.

All were evidently awaiting a summons to the festive board, but such was the perfect breeding of these that not a single eye out of the whole twenty-seven (Dutch Hans had lost one of the black beads from his worsted countenance) turned for a moment towards the table, or so much as winked, as they lay in decorous rows, gazing with mute admiration at Belinda. She, unable to repress the joy and pride which swelled her sawdust bosom till the seams gaped, gave an occasional bounce as the wind waved her yellow skirts or made the blue boots dance a sort of jig upon the door. Hanging was evidently not a painful operation, for she smiled contentedly, and looked as if the red ribbon around her neck was not uncomfortably tight; therefore, if slow suffocation suited *her*, who else had any right to complain? So a pleasing silence reigned, not even broken by a snore from Dinah, the top of whose turban alone was visible above the coverlet, or a cry from baby Jane, though her bare feet stuck out in a way that would have produced shrieks from a less well-trained infant.

Presently voices were heard approaching, and through the arch which led to a side path came two little girls, one carrying a small pitcher, the other proudly bearing a basket covered with a napkin. They looked like twins, but were not—for Bab was a year older than Betty, though only an inch taller. Both had on brown calico frocks, much the worse for a week's wear, but clean pink pinafores, in honor of the occasion, made up for that, as well as the gray stockings and thick boots. Both had round rosy faces rather sunburnt, pug noses somewhat freckled, merry blue eyes, and braided tails of hair hanging down their backs like those of the dear little Kenwigses.

"Don't they look sweet?" cried Bab, gazing with maternal pride upon the left-hand row of dolls, who might appropriately have sung in chorus, "We are seven."

"Very nice; but my Belinda beats them all. I do think she is the the splendidest child that ever was!" And Betty set down the basket to run and embrace the suspended darling, just then kicking up her heels with joyful abandon.

"The cake can be cooling while we fix the children. It does smell perfectly delicious!" said Bab, lifting the napkin to hang over the basket, fondly regarding the little round loaf that lay inside.

"Leave some smell for me!" commanded Betty, rushing back to get her fair share of the spicy fragrance.

The pug noses sniffed it up luxuriously, and the bright eyes feasted upon the loveliness of the cake, so brown and shiny, with a tipsy-looking B. in pie-crust staggering down one side, instead of sitting properly atop.

"Ma let me put it on the very last minute, and it baked so hard I couldn't pick it off. We can give Belinda that piece, so it's just as well," observed Betty, taking the lead, as her child was queen of the revel.

"Let's set them round, so they can see too," proposed Bab, going, with a hop, skip and jump, to collect her young family.

Betty agreed, and for several minutes both were absorbed in seating their dolls about the table, for some of the dear things were so limp they wouldn't sit up, and others so stiff they wouldn't sit down, and all sorts of seats had to be contrived to suit the peculiarities of their spines. This arduous task accomplished, the fond mammas stepped back to enjoy the spectacle, which, I assure you, was an impressive one. Belinda sat with great dignity at the head, her hands genteelly holding a pink cambric pocket-handkerchief in her lap. Josephus, her cousin, took the foot, elegantly arrayed in a new suit of purple and green gingham, with his speaking countenance much obscured by a straw hat several sizes too large for him; while on either side sat guests of every size, complexion and costume, producing a very gay and varied effect, as all were dressed with a noble disregard of fashion.—*St. Nicholas for December.*

The Play-House.

Under a fir in the garden ground,
A strange habitation to-day I found,
Built of bushes, and bark, and boards,
And holding hidden the queerest hoards.

There were bits of crockery, sticks, and stones,
Shreds of pink calico, strings of cones,
Crumbs of candy, a picture book,
And, strangest of all, in a cosy nook
Was an idol made in the image of man,
With charcoal eyes, and stuffed with bran.

"Were they heathens who dwelt there?" O, no, indeed.
"Were they animals?" Yes, of the kind that can read,
And laugh and cry, and be wicked or pray,
And when they are old their hair grows gray.

Their names are Margery, Ned, and Sue;
Their curls are brown, and their eyes are blue;
And they builded there in the summer heat,
As glad as the birds, and sang as sweet.

The birds that built in the tree-tops high
Are singing under a summer sky;
But the dear little builders who toiled below
Are singing here in the firelight glow.
—*Anna Boynton Averill, in December Wide Awake.*

A while ago, a party of lynchers, down South, postponed the hanging five minutes to allow the victim time to finish smoking a cigar. This proves that the use of tobacco prolongs life.

Hon. John Welsh, Minister to England, sailed from New York on Saturday on the steamship Adriatic,

Agricultural.

Potting Plants in Winter.

"Dairy Eyebright" writes to the *Country Gentleman* giving some plain and practical hints on potting plants for winter blooming. She says:

At this season of the year the amateur gardener should look carefully to the potting of the house plants, designed for winter flowering, because if the roots have become pot-bound it will restrict the growth of the plant. To know whether this is the case, dip the pot into a pail of warmish water, and let the earth become slightly moistened from top to bottom; then run a sharp bladed knife close to the edges of the pot, rap sharply upon the bottom of it, and the ball of earth will slip easily into the left hand. If the roots have become matted closely around the sides and bottom, the plant needs a larger pot; for geraniums, one size larger is best, as they will bloom better in the house if their roots are restricted. Heliotropes, fuchsias, roses and carnations will need pots two sizes larger. Put a little thoroughly decayed manure into the bottom of the pot, set the ball of earth into it, and fill up the sides with fresh soil, pressing it down gently around the roots. The surface of the soil should be nearly half an inch below the level of the edge of the pot, so as to give room for water, and as the earth sinks down, a fresh supply can be added occasionally. A good compost for plants can be made out of one-third perfectly decayed manure, one-third sharp sand, and one-third garden soil. Mix this well together, and if a few spoonfuls of air slacked lime can be stirred in with it, it will kill all the larvæ of insects.

I have just re-potted my plants for the winter, and I have six windows completely filled with them. Fuchsias, begonias, geraniums, browallies, cactuses, roses, oxalis, carnations, callas, etc., make a brilliant show. Hanging baskets and baskets filled with ivy will help to cheer and comfort me when the wintry winds howl around the casements and the snow covers every green.

Fastenings for Cattle in the Stable.

A subscriber asks for a convenient and economical device for confining cattle in the stable without the use of stanchions. Our plan is to set two standards for each animal two and one half feet apart, between which the animal is fastened with a chain around the neck, a branch of the chain running to each standard, terminating in a ring sliding up and down upon the standard; these two branches of the chain running from each standard to the centre, connected by a ring with two other branches from this ring going around the animal's neck, fastening with a long T through a ring. A little examination of this plan will show that the animal will be held in the centre between the standards so as not to be able to move sideways, or to annoy its neighbor, but can move a little forward or backward, turn its head round, or lick its shoulders, and enjoy much more liberty than in stanchions. The whole arrangement is also very cheap—the chains not costing more than fifty cents each; and there is really only one drawback to it—the chain will not go round the neck and fasten itself without help. The self sustaining stanchion is ahead in that respect. But shall we neglect to comfort our animals to save so paltry a service? To decrease this labor of fastening the chain around the neck, hang a small cord on one side, reaching down to within six inches of the top of the neck of the animal, with a hook or bent wire in the lower end. When the chain is taken off the neck, hang one end on this hook, and it will be held up ready to be placed around the neck when the animal comes in again, and also, stretching across from one standaad to the other, prevent the animal from going through before it is fastened. There is no patent on this.

Improved Wheat.

Major Hallet, who is well known to the agricultural world on account of the variety of wheat bearing his name, lays down the following rules as the result of his experience in wheat improvement: "Very close observation during many years has led me to the discovery that the variations in the cereals which Nature presents to us are not only hereditary, but they proceed upon a fixed principle, and from them I have deduced the following law of development of cereals: 1. Every fully developed plant, whether wheat, oats or barley, presents an ear superior in productive power to any of the rest on that plant. 2. Every such plant contains one grain, which, upon trial, proves more productive than any other. 3. The best grain in a given plant is found in its best ear. 4. The superior vigor of this grain is transmissible in different degrees in its progeny. 5. By repeated careful selection the superiority is accumulated. 6. The improvement which is at first rapid, gradually after a long series of years, is diminished in amount, and evidently so far arrested that, practically speaking, a limit to improvement is maintained, and practically a fixed type is the result." The major at the commencement of his attempts to improve wheat assumed that the habit of producing more than two grains in a chest, which is only occasional in our common crops, could by proper selection be very much increased and enlarged. As a proof of the correctness of his theory he has produced heads with five and six grains in a cluster, ten and twelve in a circle around the head, with one hundred and twenty-three grains per head. He by the same means has wonderfully increased the tillering power of the plant until with grains nine inches apart each way, he obtains an ample crop of straw and an unusual yield of grain.

When a cow's milk suddenly dries up and becomes clotted in the udder it is probably due to garget or inflammation of the udder from some one of many causes. The udder is then hard or lumpy, and hot. A remedy is to give the cow at once 8 or 12 ounces of Epsom salts, with half an ounce of saltpetre, repeating the latter in six hours. If the milk is difficult to draw, a solution of one ounce of carbonate of soda in a pint of water should be enjected in the teats with a syringe, and then milked out. This will bring away the curded milk which, if left in, will make matters very much worse. If the cow is feverish, the saltpetre may be repeated for a day or two. To bathe the udder in cold water, rubbing and squeezing it gently for a considerable time, is useful.

A lady sent a note to the newspaper to get a recipe to cure the whooping cough in a pair of twins. By a mistake a recipe for pickled onions was unconsciously inserted, and her name attached, and she received this answer through the "Answer to Correspondents:" Mrs. L.H.B.—If not too young, skin them pretty closely, immerse in scalding water, sprinkle plentifully with salt, and immerse them for a week in strong brine.

Scribner's Monthly for 1877--'78.

Without recalling the excellence of the past, the publishers of Scribner's Monthly announce for the year to come the following papers:

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"HOXY,"—by Edward Eggleston,author of "The Hoosier Schoolmaster," &c. This new novel will doubtless be the most important American serial of the year. The first number was published in November. Those who have read it declare Hoxy to be among the strong and original characters which the author has ever written. It is illustrated by one of the ablest of the younger American painters—Mr. Walter Shirlow, President of "The American Art Association."

AMERICAN SPORTS.—Some of the most novel and entertaining of these papers are yet to appear. The scenes of which will be in the West, the Middle States, the South, New England and Canada.

OUT-OF-DOOR PAPERS.—By John Burroughs, author of "Wake Robin," &c., will contain not only articles on hiking, but on "tramping" in ampliorated and kindred topics. Mr. Burrough's papers will begin in the January number, the first being entitled "Birds and Birds" and illustrated by Fidelia Bridges.

ARCHITECTURE OF BIRDS.—Dr. Thomas M. Brewer will contribute four exquisitely illustrated articles on birds' nests, which every lover of nature will delight in. Dr. Brewer has probably the finest collection of birds' eggs in the world to draw upon for the illustration of these papers.

THE SAILOR HORSE.—Dr. George E. Waring with whose excellent work of various sorts our readers are familiar, contributes two illustrated articles for the Horse; the first presents special points of value and fitness for pleasure and for sport, including road-riding, fox-hunting and racing. The nature of the English thoroughbred and that of his Eastern progenitor (the Arabian are fully considered in relation to their bones.

SAXE HOLM.—Two stories by this popular writer will be given in early numbers of the magazine, one with "Joe Hale's Heel Stockings," to appear in January. This "novelette" chronicles an episode of the late war for the Union.

ALL ABOUT A STORY.—By Adeline Trafton, so well begun in the Midsummer Holiday number will be continued nearly though the year. It will be found to be of increasing interest to the reader.

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Of the story element, the brightest feature is the beginning of the new serial by Miss Alcott, entitled "Under the Lilacs," with illustrations by Mary Hallock Foote.

The Christmas number contains also the opening of a new serial story for Boys, a tale of tropical life, by Gustavus Frankenstein, entitled "Tower Mountain," admirably illustrated by the artists Moran and Kelly; a Nursery or Miss Alcorn with a sketch of her life; several poems by two little American girls; a play, and a Christmas carol (set to music); and half a dozen complete short stories, bright, funny, exciting and pathetic, &c., &c.

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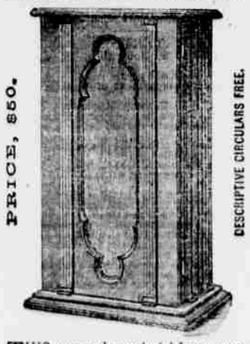

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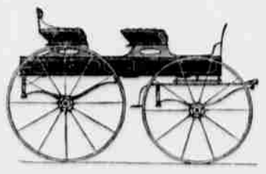

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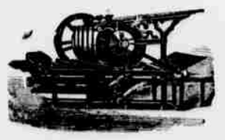

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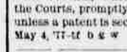

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